**Air-worthiness of private airlines**

948. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Civil Aviation had severely indicted the maintenance and Air-worthiness of private Airlines, as reported in the "Indian Express", New Delhi, dated the 4th July, 1995; and

(b) if so, the steps Government intends to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir. However in a seminar on Air Safety organised on 10-12 july, 1995, Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had emphasised the need for strict observance of safety and maintenance standards and timely detection and rectification of deficiencies by airline operators.

(b) The following steps have been taken by the DGCA to ensure proper airworthiness and operation control by operators:

(i) Constitution of safety audit teams;

(ii) Regular surveillance checks on maintenance facilities of operators;

(iii) Setting up of quality control units by operators with the approval of DGCA;

(iv) Monitoring of CVR and FDR recordings of various aircraft;

(v) Establishment of Flight Inspection Directorate by DGCA to monitor compliance with inflight procedures;

(vi) Well laid down procedures for approval of maintenance facilities set up by private parties;

(vii) Timely action against defaulters.

**Mortgage Insurance Scheme**

949. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering introducing the Mortgage Insurance Scheme by the General Insurance Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme and from when the scheme is going to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय उड़ान अकादमी में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों/अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों हेतु आरक्षण**

**Modification of Airports**

950. **श्री जगन्नाथ सिंह:** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय उड़ान अकादमी में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों और अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों के प्रशिक्षुओं हेतु कितने स्थान आरक्षित हैं;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या इन वर्गों में प्रशिक्षण हेतु स्थान आरक्षित करने की कोई योजना है?

**नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद):** (क) से (ग) इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय उड़ान अकादमी में वाणिज्यिक पायलट लाइसेंस (सी०पी०एल०) पाठयक्रम के प्रशिक्षण के लिए अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति तथा अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों के उम्मीदवारों के लिए सीटों का आरक्षण नहीं है। इंस्ट्रूमेंट और मल्टीइंजन रेटिंग सहित वाणिज्यिक पायलट लाइसेंस कोर्स एक व्यावसायिक पाठयक्रम है जिसके लिए उड़ान संरक्षा से संबंधित उच्च स्तर के कौशल और ज्ञान की आवश्यकता होती है।

951. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airport Authority of India is modifying the Airports in the country;

(b) if so, which are the airports under modification; and

(c) the amount spent for each Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Upgradation of airports and other infrastructural facilities is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon projected requirements and availability of resources.

Major projects envisaged during the 8th Five Year Plan include the following:—

Modernisation of air trafic control services at Bombay and Delhi airports at a cost of Rs. 351.87 crores.

(ii) Procurement of Airport Surveillance Radars and Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radars at a cost of Rs. 193.58 crores.

(iii) Procurement of Instrument Landing Systems at a cost of Rs. 24.35 crores.

(iv) Development of Model airports at a cost of Rs. 363.63 crores.

(v) Construction of International Passenger Terminal Complex (Phase-III) at Bombay airport at a cost of Rs. 105.49 crores.

(vi) Construction of Domestic Terminal Complex (Phase-II) at Bombay airport at a cost of Rs. 126 crores.

**Rotation of Nominee Directors of IFCI**

952. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Industrial Finance Corporation of India will rotate its nominees on the Boards of assisted companies on a pre-determined basis;

(b) if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that rotation of Nominee Directors will avoid building vested interests; and

(d) if so, steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Industrial Finance Corporation of India Limited (IFCI) has reported that it generally reviews/rotates nominee directors on the Board of its assisted companies after a tenure of 3 years.

(c) and (d) Financial Institutions (FIs) have evolved guidelines in respect of nominee directors appointed by them on the Boards of assisted companies. The nominee directors are expected to act in the best interest of the company and also safeguard the interest of the FI concerned. If a FI is not satisfied with the performance of a nominee director, it can withdraw his nomination from the Board of the company concerned.

**Representation recieved from ICMA**

953. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Indian Cotton Mills Association to allow additional export of 50 million kg yarn to non-quota countries;

(b) whether Government are aware that the yarn prices., especially in hosiery industry are still ruling high, forcing closure of many units and also resulting in cancellation of export orders:

(c) whether it is a fact that both handloom and powerloom sectors are also affected by the high prices of yarn in the market; and

(d) whether Government propose to grant permission for export of additional quantity of yarn as sought by ICMA?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The ceiling for export of cotton yarn is fixed after careful